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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LATEST NORTH KOREAN " GOODWILL" MISSION

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 660, 5/23/73 (B) GEORGETOWN 456

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3. COMMENT: NORTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT, PERHAPS A BIT TOO EAGER AND TEND TO OVERLY LONG STAYS. THIS THIRD MISSION TO GUYANA IN YEAR. SHORTLY AFTER PRC OPENED PERMANENT TRADE MISSION IN GEORGETOWN, INITIAL FOUR MAN TEAM APPEARED IN APRIL LAST YEAR FOR TWO AND HALF WEEK VISIT TO PROPOSE TRADE AND AID ACCORDS AND RESIDENT TRADE MISSION AS STEPS TOWARD EVENTUAL FULL RECOGNITION (REF A). SECOND EIGHT MEMBER DELEGATION HEADED BY FINANCE MINISTER GYONG RYON ARRIVED IN AUGUST IN TWO GROUPS FOR PERIOD REPORTEDLY TOTALING SOME TWO AND HALF WEEKS. FOUR MAN "ADVANCE PARTY" HERE DURING NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE TO WHICH GDRK NOT INVITED. GOG RECIPROCATED WITH TRADE MISSION VISIT TO PYONGYANG LAST FALL BETWEEN STOPS IN PRC, SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN. AFTER THESE EXCHANGES, AND PERHAPS STIMULATED BY RECENT EAST GERMAN SUCCESS IN ESTABLISHING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, LATEST FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION PROBABLY HOPED TO NAIL DOWN RECOGNITION.

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